

House Resolution No. 2990

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the life and lifetime achievements of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, D. Pearl Potter commemorated the resplendent occasion of her One Hundred Fifth Birthday on May 9, 2004, with her family at her home place where she has resided since 1917; and

Whereas, Pearl Potter came into this world in Polk County on May 9, 1899, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Benjamin W. Gorden and Cora O. Loftin Gorden, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Pearl embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Lester A. Potter, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she shared seventy years of wedded success and happiness until his passing from this world; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker who cared for her father-in-law and sister-in-law for many years, Pearl Potter enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a farmer's wife; and

Whereas, the marriage of Pearl and Lester has been abundantly blessed down through the years with the love and affection of their children Mildred Manuel, Dean Potter, and Reva Hill: ten living grandchildren, three deceased, seventeen living great-grandchildren, one deceased, eighteen living great-great-grandchildren, one deceased, she will soon be a great-great-great-grandmother; and

Whereas, a member of High Prairie Christian Church in Dallas County, Pearl Potter a talented piece quilter has derived an enormous amount of satisfaction in making a quilt for every member of her family, at the age of ninety she and her daughter Mildred quilted fourteen quilts that year, after that she and her daughter Mildred turned out ten quilts a year until she was one hundred years old, a lover of sports Pearl's an avid Cardinal fan, loves gardening, flowers, and crocheting.

Whereas, now one hundred five years young, Pearl Potter faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with those she holds most dear:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Pearl Potter as she proudly celebrates one hundred five years of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and prosperity as she continues her journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for D. Pearl Potter, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry D. Wilson
District No. 119

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2990, adopted May 12, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker